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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2009–10 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 35

Introduced by Assembly Member Furutani

December 1, 2008

An act to add Section 88550.7 to the Education Code, *and to add Section 14013.5 to the Unemployment Insurance Code*, relating to education.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 35, as amended, Furutani. Education: workforce development.

Under existing law, the public school system of the state includes, among other schools, secondary and technical schools. Existing law provides for various career technical and workforce preparation programs in the public schools.

Existing law also establishes the University of California, the California State University, and the California Community Colleges as the 3 segments of public postsecondary education in this state. Existing law declares that it is the intent of the Legislature that those institutions provide a collegiate experience that gives each student specified skills and that an undergraduate education prepare students to have the flexibility to adapt to, among other things, new workforce needs.

~~Existing law establishes the California Postsecondary Education Commission as the statewide postsecondary education planning and~~

coordinating agency and provides for its functions and responsibilities, including advising the Legislature and the Governor on matters related to postsecondary education.

Existing law establishes the California Workforce Investment Board as the body responsible for assisting the Governor in the development, oversight, and continuous improvement of California's workforce investment system. Existing law declares that the board is appointed by the Governor to assist in the development of the State Workforce Investment Plan.

~~This bill would declare the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation to develop a strategic plan in the education system for workforce preparation and career technical education.~~

~~This bill would require the California Postsecondary Education Commission and require the California Workforce Investment Board and the Office of the Chancellor and the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges to develop a strategic plan, containing specified elements, for connecting education and workforce development in the state. The bill would require the commission board and the Office of the Chancellor to cooperate with the State Department of Education; the California Workforce Investment Board, and representatives from education, business, and labor organizations to make specified recommendations in the strategic plan. The bill would require that the strategic plan include specified provisions. The bill would require the commission board and the Office of the Chancellor to report their recommendations for the strategic plan to the Governor and the Legislature on or before July 1, 2011. The bill, and would require the Office of the Chancellor to provide the staffing and resources necessary for developing and reporting the strategic plan.~~

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. It is the intent of the Legislature to enact
2 legislation to develop a strategic plan in the education system for
3 workforce preparation and career technical education.

4 SEC. 2. Section 88550.7 is added to the Education Code, to
5 read:

6 88550.7. (a) ~~The California Postsecondary Education~~
7 ~~Commission~~ *California Workforce Investment Board*, the Office

1 of the Chancellor of the California Community Colleges, and the
2 Board of the Governors of the California Community Colleges
3 shall develop a strategic plan for connecting education and
4 workforce development in the state *as part of the board's next*
5 *biennial California Strategic Plan for Title I of the Workforce*
6 *Investment Act of 1998 and the Wagner-Peyser Act.* In cooperation
7 with the State Department of Education, ~~the California Workforce~~
8 ~~Investment Board~~, and representatives from education, business,
9 and labor organizations, ~~the commission board~~ and the Office of
10 the Chancellor shall make recommendations in the strategic plan
11 that address the contribution of academic and career technical
12 education, at all levels of education, to workforce development.

13 (b) The strategic plan shall include, but is not limited to, all of
14 the following provisions:

15 (1) How the state determines appropriate measures for evaluating
16 and collecting data on future workforce needs.

17 (2) The alignment of workforce needs with future postsecondary
18 education programs and capacity at both the state and regional
19 levels.

20 (3) Strategies for fostering long-term improvements in workers'
21 skills and knowledge.

22 (4) Methods for closing the skills gap and strengthening the
23 nexus between education and the workforce.

24 (5) Appropriate measures for improving data collection on future
25 workforce needs.

26 (c) It is the intent of the Legislature that ~~the commission board~~
27 and the Office of the Chancellor solicit input from K–12 and
28 postsecondary education institutions, local workforce investment
29 boards, regional occupational centers and programs, adult school
30 programs, and other appropriate governmental entities in
31 developing recommendations for the strategic plan.

32 (d) (1) ~~The commission board~~ and the Office of the Chancellor
33 shall report their recommendations for the strategic plan to the
34 Governor and the Legislature on or before July 1, 2011.

35 (2) (A) The requirement for submitting the report imposed
36 under paragraph (1) is inoperative on January 1, 2015, pursuant
37 to Section 10231.5 of the Government Code.

38 (B) A report to be submitted pursuant to paragraph (1) shall be
39 submitted in compliance with Section 9795 of the Government
40 Code.

(e) The Office of the Chancellor of the California Community Colleges shall provide the staffing and resources necessary for developing and reporting the strategic plan developed pursuant to this section.

(f) *For purposes of this section, “board” means the California Workforce Investment Board established pursuant to Article 1 (commencing with Section 14010) of Chapter 3 of Division 7 of the Unemployment Insurance Code.*

SEC. 3. Section 14013.5 is added to the Unemployment Insurance Code, to read:

14013.5. The board shall assist the Office of the Chancellor and the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges to develop a strategic plan for connecting education and workforce development in the state pursuant to Section 88550.7 of the Education Code.